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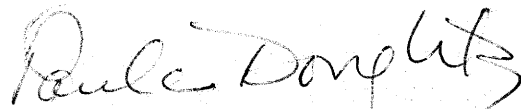
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Subject: Response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Conditional
Approval of the Plan for Waste Rock Disposal in Lower Bingham
Canyon, Permit # M/035/002

Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (Kennecott) has received the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining letter dated March 3, 2003 that provides conditional approval of the plan for waste rock disposal in lower Bingham Canyon. Kennecott agrees to perform the condition listed in the letter. The outer dump face will be cross-rippled or otherwise roughened before the growth media cap is placed on the recontoured waste rock surface. After placement of the growth media, the surface will again be roughened. The cross ripping of the growth media cap will be shallow enough to avoid mixing waste rock into the cap material. Kennecott intends to incorporate this change into the final revision of the "Bingham Canyon Mine Reclamation and Water Management Plan".

Thank you for your prompt review and response of the plan for waste rock disposal in lower Bingham Canyon. Please call me at 569-7120 or Rich Borden at 569-7141 if you have any questions or comments about this letter.

Sincerely,



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